

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patricia Preikschat et al.
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AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The most recent Office action was mailed August 7, 2000. The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on November 7, 2000. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended, for three months, to February 7, 2001. The \$445.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

If there are any fees required by this communication not covered by an enclosed check, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, order No. 31716.

Respectfully submitted,

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